

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HRSA Special Called Board Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2023
8:00 am

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:48 a.m. by Ms. Barbie Robinson, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Ms. Robinson stated while some of Board members are in the room with us today, others will participate by videoconference as permissible by state law and the Harris Health Videoconferencing Policy. The meeting may be viewed online: http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live.</p>	<p>A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.</p>
II. Public Comment		<p>There were no public speakers registered to appear before the Board.</p>
III. Item(s) Related to Health Care for the Homeless Program	<p>A. Review and Acceptance of the Following Report(s) for the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) as Required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which Provides Funding to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a/Harris Health System to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCHP November 2023 Operational Update <p>Ms. Tracey Burdine, Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, delivered a presentation regarding the Health Care for the Homeless Program November 2023 Operational Update, including HCHP 2023 Needs Assessment Report and, HCHP Foundation Glucometers Project. She reported that HCHP received a grant from the Harris County Hospital District Foundation, in the amount of \$5,000, to encourage diabetes self – management and decrease hemoglobin A1C levels. Ms. Burdine presented the budget narrative, which includes the purchase of glucometers (\$2,281.64) and blood glucose test strip packs (\$2,718.36) for 162 people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Areas of focus for the 2023 Needs Assessment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical and transportation barriers • Unemployment • Income level • Educational attainment • Health disparities • Housing • Health care needs • Primary health care services and gaps • Health care environment and operations <p>Ms. Burdine provided a brief overview of the 2023 Needs Assessment Report including HCHP Barriers, Community Barriers, and Corrective Action Plans. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.11-164</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item III.A. Motion carried.</p>

	B. Approval of HCHP 2023 Needs Assessment Report	<u>Motion No. 23.11-165</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item III.B. Motion carried.
	C. Approval of the Glucometers Project Budget Related to the Harris County Hospital District Foundation Grant	<u>Motion No. 23.11-166</u> Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item III.C. Motion carried.
IV. Adjournment	Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on November 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Director Barbie Robinson

Barbie Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC, Acting Chair

Andrea Caracostis

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